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REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement issued March 24, 2003 in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants elect for prosecution the invention of Group I, claims 1-30, 60-63 and 67-70. Claims 31-59 and 64-66 have been canceled as drawn to a non-elected invention. Claim 67 has been amended to be independent and to incorporate the necessary recitations of canceled claim 64. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the claims of the non-elected invention in one or more continuing applications.

The restriction requirement further contained a requirement for election of species among (1) amides, (2) sulfones and (3) sulfoxides. Applicants elect the species sulfoxides, with the understanding that claims readable on the non-elected species will be withdrawn from consideration until such time as it is determined that generic claims are allowable, and reserving the right to prosecute claims covering the non-elected species in one or more continuing applications. Claims readable on the elected species include claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 15-30, 60-63 and 67-70.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for examination on the merits. Early and favorable consideration leading to allowance of this application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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